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## VENOCO ELLWOOD MARINE TERMINAL LEASE RENEWAL PROJECT FINALIZING ADDENDUM TO THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

The enclosed document is the Finalizing Addendum to the Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the consideration of a new lease by the California State Lands Commission (CSLC) for the Venoco Ellwood Marine Terminal (proposed Project). This Finalizing Addendum, together with the Draft EIR (SCH #2004071075), circulated for public review on July 31, 2006, constitute the Final EIR for the proposed Project. Venoco Inc., the applicant and operator of the Ellwood Marine Terminal, proposes to continue existing operations of the terminal for a 10-year term extending to February 23, 2013.

This Final EIR has been prepared by the CSLC pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Section 21000 et seq., California Public Resources Code) and in accordance with the *Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act* (the CEQA *Guidelines*) (Section 15000 et seq., California Code of Regulations, Title 14). The CEQA *Guidelines* stipulate that an EIR must be prepared for any project that may have a significant impact on the environment. The Venoco Ellwood Marine Terminal is a "project" as defined by the CEQA *Guidelines*. Upon preliminary review, the CSLC determined that the proposed Project may have a significant adverse impact on the environment, and therefore, required preparation of an EIR.

The CSLC is the lead agency for the proposed project because it has jurisdiction over tidelands used by the Venoco Ellwood Marine Terminal. The CSLC will use the Final EIR in its decision-making process.

This Final EIR addresses the potential environmental effects of the Proposed Project and alternatives. The Finalizing Addendum, DEIR, and supporting project documentation may be viewed electronically, in Word or Acrobat format, on the CSLC internet website at <a href="http://www.slc.ca.gov">http://www.slc.ca.gov</a>.

## Copies of the Finalizing Addendum are also available for review at the following locations:

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Additional copies are available from Eric Gillies, CSLC, listed at the address above.

The CSLC will meet to consider certification of the Final EIR and to take action on the proposed Project at a noticed public meeting in 2007 on a date yet to be determined. Please check the website for dates of the forthcoming Commission meeting on which certification of the Final EIR and action on the project will occur. Or, if you wish CSLC to notify you of the Commission meeting date, please notify Eric Gillies, CSLC, at <a href="mailto:gilliee@slc.ca.gov">gilliee@slc.ca.gov</a> or at (916) 574-1897.

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